

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Order-acceptance management capable of supplying commodities to customers in accordance with the customers is executed. The invention assigns a rank to  
5 an orderer and implements acceptance of an order for a commodity in accordance with the rank. The number of units of a commodity in stock is allocated to a group corresponding to the rank. When an order is issued, it is determined whether the order can be accepted. This  
10 determination entails determining whether the commodity that belongs to the group corresponding to the rank assigned to the orderer and that is capable of satisfying the order issued is in stock. If the commodity ordered issued is in stock, it is determined  
15 that the issued order is capable of being accepted.